THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 26th February 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

District-war schemes under the Five-Year Plan.

* 8 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received any report from the Planning Commission with regard to the breaking up of State plans into district plans?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes. The Government are arranging to publish literature for each district, containing details of the items of work under the plan in the district."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" May I know the details of the plans that have been distributed, how these plans are going to be implemented and what the financial implications of the same are? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question is not quite clear. Perhaps the hon. Member means something else. The break-up of the plan into district plans and the details of the plan for each district will be shown in maps and there will be literature published in that regard. That is my answer to the question. As for the financial implications, it is a common matter and not a matter for each district."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have the Government created special staff at district level to implement the special schemes under this plan? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The plan will actually be executed by the existing staff. If we propose to establish new offices for the execution of the plan as distinguished from the general administration, we would break."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On what date did the Government of Madras receive the Report of the Planning Commission and how long do they propose to take to distribute copies to the public? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The break-up is not so simple as is imagined. We have to print the plans and index the maps with statistical information relating to each district. All this is ready and the question of printing is the only thing remaining now. It will take a little time and it will soon be done."

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Sri P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" May I know whether these publications will be in the regional languages and whether the publication will be made before at least the end of this five-year period? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I appreciate the attempt at sarcasm, but all things cannot be done so quickly as district boards are able to do under the guidance of the hon. Member who has put the question. Everything takes some time. We are going to print the plans and the information will be mostly in pictures and figures and we need not wait for translations."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" ஜில்லாவாரியாகப் பிரசுரிப்ப தோடுகூட இந்த ராஜ்யம் பூராவுக்குமாக இருக்கக்கூடிய எல்லாத் திட்டங்களையும் தொகுத்து ஒரு வெளியீடாக சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன். "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The common plan is broken up. Now, again, our State has been broken up. Then, the plan will be broken up into district plans. The re-assembling of these break-ups may easily be done by hon. Members if we give all the books. A separate publication is unnecessary, I think."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஜில்லா வாரியாக ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தைப் பற்றிப் பிரசுரிப்பது என்பதும் ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தில் அடங்கியுள்ள ஒரு பகுதியா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir. It is a small corollary of the big proposition."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" In regard to the break-up of the plan at the district level, will the Government try to solicit in a more intensive way the co-operation of the people? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir, the publication itself will lead to that."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the answer given to the supplementary question by the Hon. the Chief Minister, may I know what the regional language of the Madras State is? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Each district will have to be dealt with with intelligence and sympathy."

Sri K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know whether the Report of the Planning Commission takes into account the Second Five-Year Plan also? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We will have to wait for the Second Five-Year Plan."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the district plan be worked and implemented by the local bodies or other bodies? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am rather surprised at these questions. The plans consist of many kinds of work. For instance, there is an irrigation project. There is also a public health project. Different departments are concerned in the matter. There are different departments

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in the present Government and they will deal with them. We will not be very much in the right if we encourage the appointment of new staff. Nor can we transfer them to local bodies. If the hon. Member refers to district boards, panchayats and the like, the concerned departments will deal with the relevant projects."

Nationalization of Local Fund and Municipal Medical Institutions.

* 9 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 11-10 a.m.

(a) how many Local Fund and Municipal Medical Institutions were taken over by the Government in the year 1952–53; and

(b) how many of them were from the West Coast?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Three institutions.

" (b) One from the West Coast."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know on what basis all these institutions are provincialized? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, proposals are sent by the local bodies and the Director of Medical Services considers them and makes his recommendation to the Government."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" May I know whether such local fund hospitals that remain closed for a long period in backward areas where even doctors are not available, will be accorded due priority by the Government in the matter of taking over medical institutions? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. The Government give preference to the proposal of the local bodies whose financial condition is unsound."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. the Health Minister said on a previous occasion on the floor of this House that he would consider the question of converting the Local Fund Hospital at Payyanur into a Government Hospital. May I know whether he has taken a final decision on this matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All taluk headquarters hospitals are to be provincialized in the first instance. The other hospitals will have to be taken up at a later stage."

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—" May I know whether the Government can give any time-limit within which they will be able to take over all these hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This provincialization began in the year 1928 (Laughter) and every year we have been taking over five or six taluk headquarters hospitals or municipal hospitals. But last year, we could not take over any of them owing to the particular circumstances in which the budget was presented."